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SUBJ: NEWFOUNDLAND MANNED SPACEFLIGHT SUPPORT FACILITY

AND AIR SEA RESCUE CAPABILITY

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- 1. DEPARTMENT AND NASA HAVE REVIEWED PROPOSED TEXT SUBMITTED BY REFTEL AND HAVE MADE NON-SUBSTANTIVE EDITORIAL CHANGES SUCH AS DELETION OF NASA BEFORE APOLLO/SOYUZ TEST PROJECT WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN TEXT AND A WORD CHANGE FROM COOPERATIVELY TO COOPERATIVE IN PARAGRAPH 2.
- 2. THERE WAS A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT EXECUTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 15 OF THE TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT IN MARCH-JUNE 1973 TO PROVIDE AN AIR-SEA RESCUE CAPABILITY AT GANDER. IT IS DESIRED THAT THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT ALSO BE EXTENDED FOR THE APOLLO/SOYUZ TEST PROJECT. PER TELECON BETWEEN BASTEDO AND HUDSON ON JULY 19, 1973 IT UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARS LIKELY THAT GOC WOULD NOT OBJECT TO EXTENSION OF

BOTH AGREEMENTS, THEREFORE PROPOSED NOTE HAS BEEN REWRITTEN TO COVER BOTH USING EXTAFF LANGUAGE IN REFTEL.

3. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT. I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE

ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A TEMPORARY SPACE TRACKING FACILITY IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT SKYLAB, AS CONSTITUTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES DONE AT OTTAWA, DATED DECEMBER 20, 1971 AND FEBRUARY 23, 1972, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIR-SEA RESCUE CAPABILITY IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT SKYLAB AS CONSTITUTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES DONE AT OTTAWA, DATED MARCH 14, 1973, APRIL 11, 1973 AND JUNE 5, 1973.

MY GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING A COOPERATIVE MANNED SPACE FLIGHT EFFORT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS. THIS PROGRAM IS KNOWN AS THE APOLLO SOYUZ TEST PROJECT. THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION IS CHARGED WITH OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR PORTION OF THE PROGRAM.

THE TEMPORARY SPACE TRACKING FACILITY AND THE AIR-SEA RESCUE CAPABILITY, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT SKYLAB, CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE APOLLO/SOYUZ TEST PROJECT. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO PROPOSE THAT BOTH AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING PROJECT SKYLAB BE EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 1976 AND TO PROPOSE THAT SUCH AGREEMENT TAKE EFFECT ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY. END PROPOSED TEXT.

4. THE GOC REPLY WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT. I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
RECEIPT OF YOUR NOTE NO. OF (DATE) IN WHICH YOU PROPOSE
THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING
PROJECT SKYLAB, CONSTITUTED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF
DECEMBER 20, 1971 AND FEBRUARY 23, 1972, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT CONSTITUTED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES
OF MARCH 14, 1973, APRIL 11, 1973 AND JUNE 5, 1973,
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SHOULD BE EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 1976 IN ORDER TO COVER SUPPORT FOR THE APOLLO/SOYUZ TEST PROJECT.

I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS PROPOSAL MEETS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO CONFIRM THAT YOUR NOTE AND THIS REPLY, WHICH IS EQUALLY AUTHENTIC IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR

TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THIS REPLY. END PROPOSED TEXT.

5. IF ABOVE WORDING ACCEPTABLE TO GOC, AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EXCHANGE NOTES BETWEEN AMBASSADOR PORTER AND MINEXTAFF. INGERSOLL

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